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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 2A, 2B, and 4. These sheets, which include Figs. 2A, 2B, and 4, replace the original sheets including Figs. 2A, 2B, and 4.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

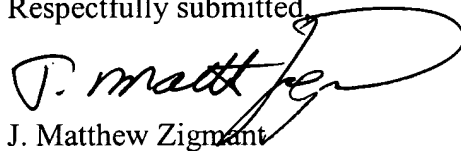
After entry of this amendment, claims 25-52 will remain pending in this application. Claims 25-52 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 5,998,295. Accordingly, a terminal disclaimer is attached. Allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal notice of allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-273-4782.

Respectfully submitted



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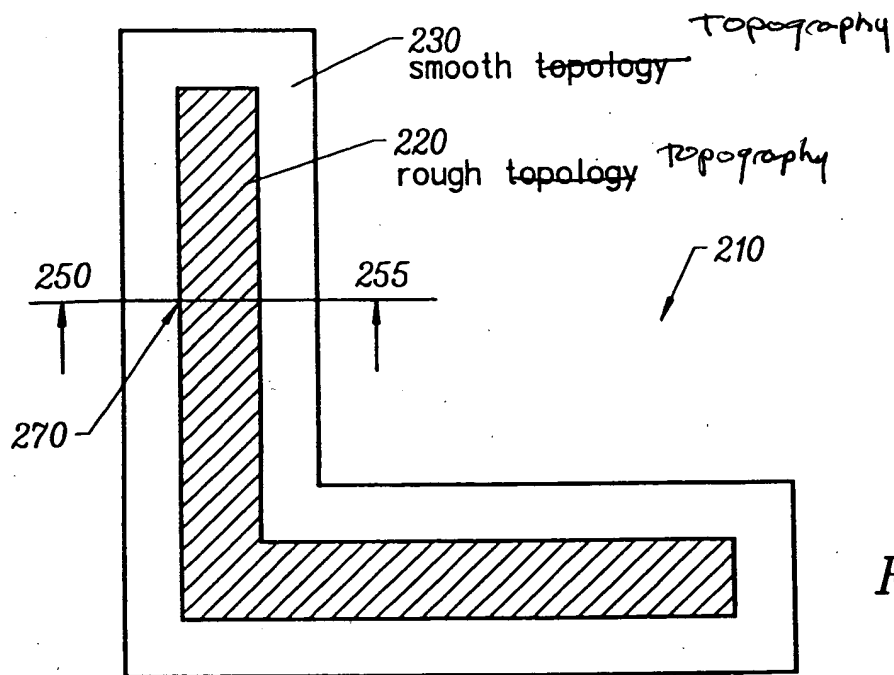


FIG. 2A

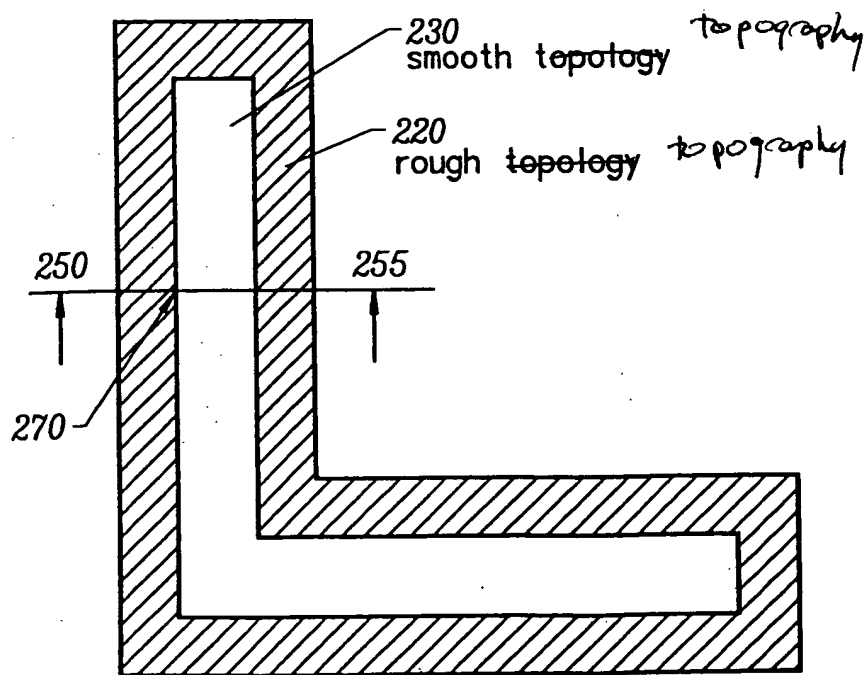


FIG. 2B



(a) contacts / via can be squares

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(b) contacts / via can be rectangular

FIG. 4